

## Transit Planning Board

for the Atlanta Region

Joint Study Committee on Transportation Monday, 24 September 2007



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## Transit Planning Board

- Formed in 2006 by
  - Atlanta Regional Commission
  - Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
  - Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority
- A partnership to establish and maintain a seamless, integrated transit network for the Atlanta region





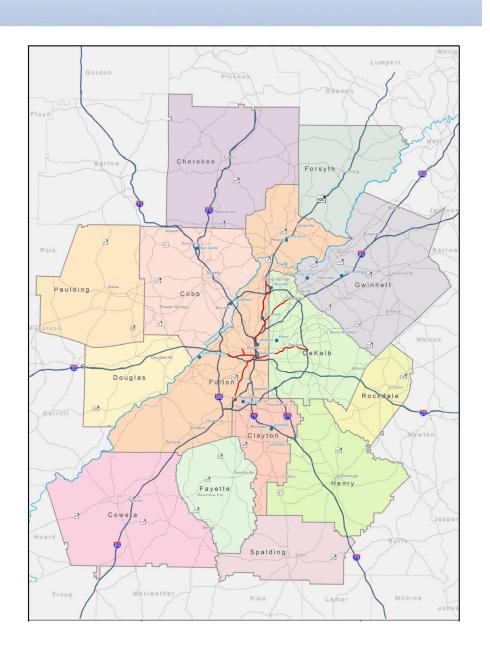
#### Who is TPB?



#### 19 Board members

- County commission chairs
- Mayor of Atlanta & DeKalb CEO
- MARTA, GRTA & GDOT Chairs
- MARTA General Manager
- 3 Gubernatorial appointees

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#### **TPB Products & Priorities?**

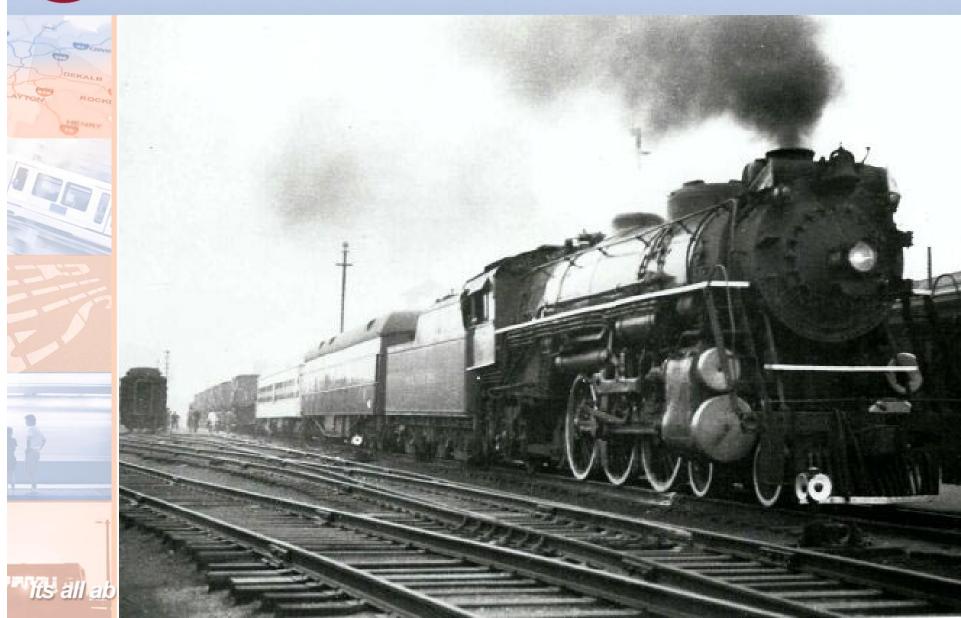


- Regional transit plan through 2030
- Comprehensive financial plan
- Regional service coordination
- System performance measurement
- Federal funding advocacy

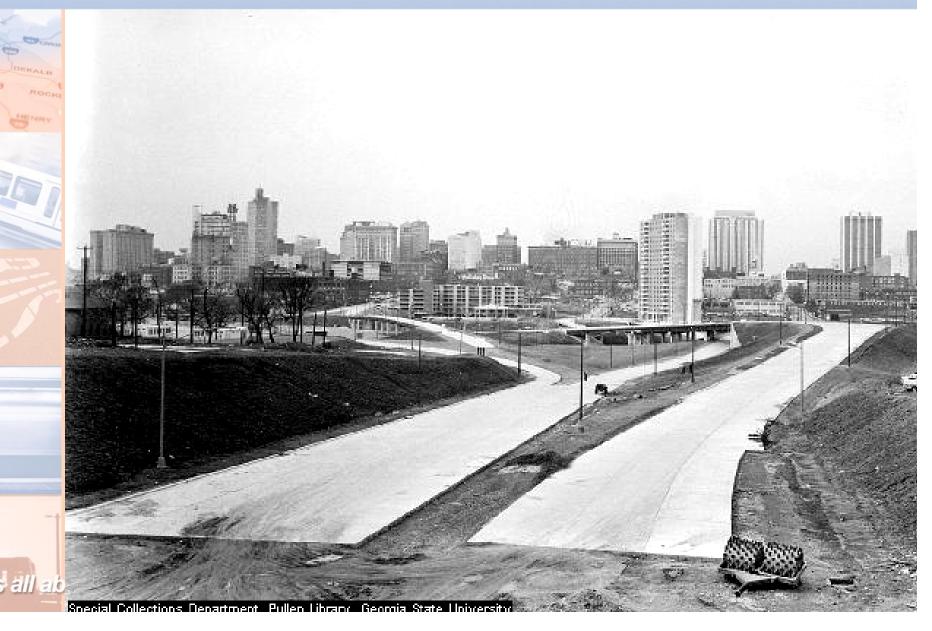


















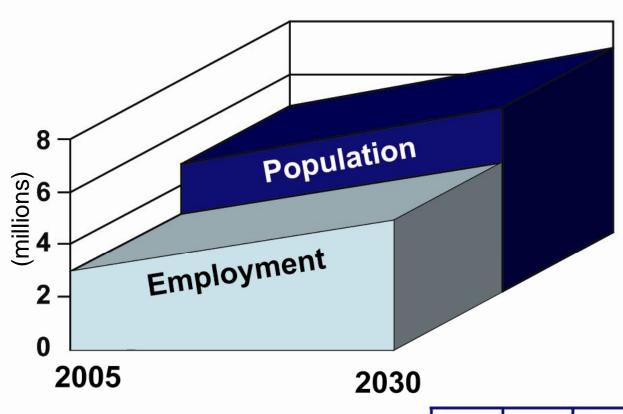




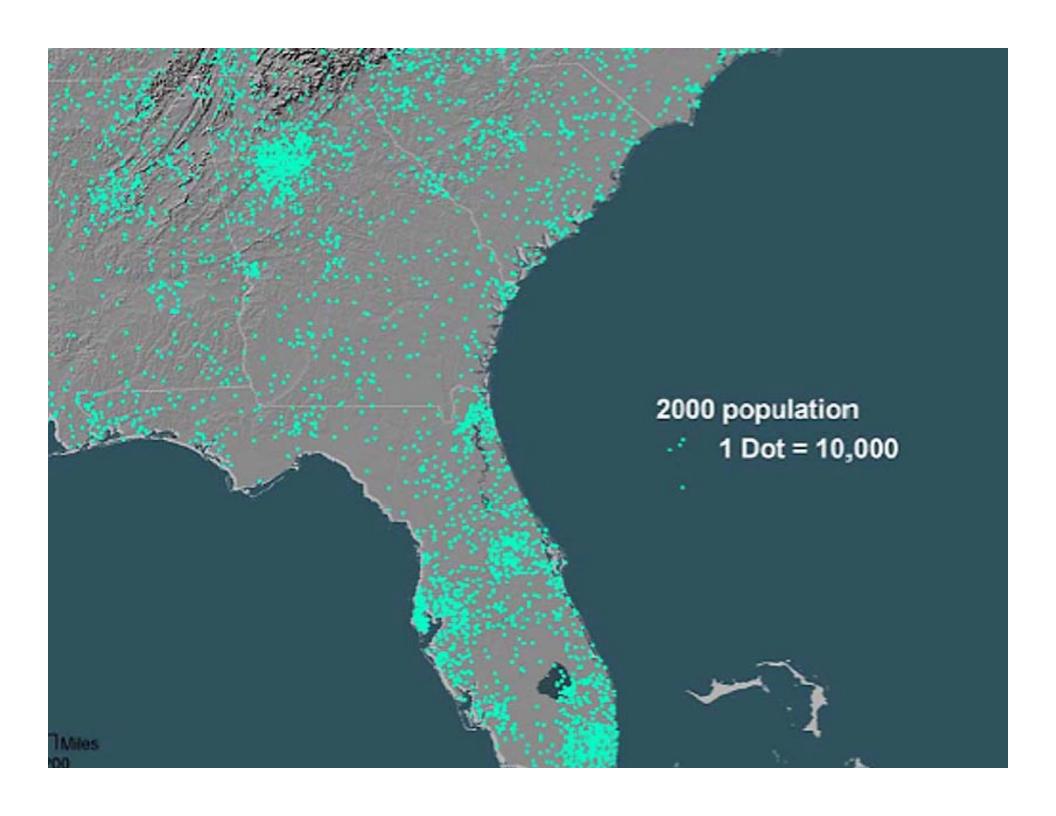




### Atlanta Region (20 counties)

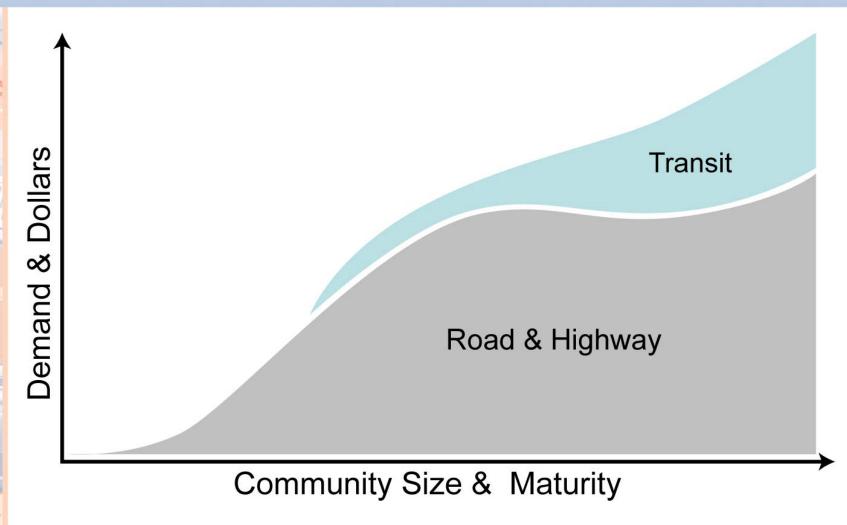


	2005	2030	Change
Population (in millions)	4.79	6.97	46%
Employment (in millions)	2.92	4.89	67%





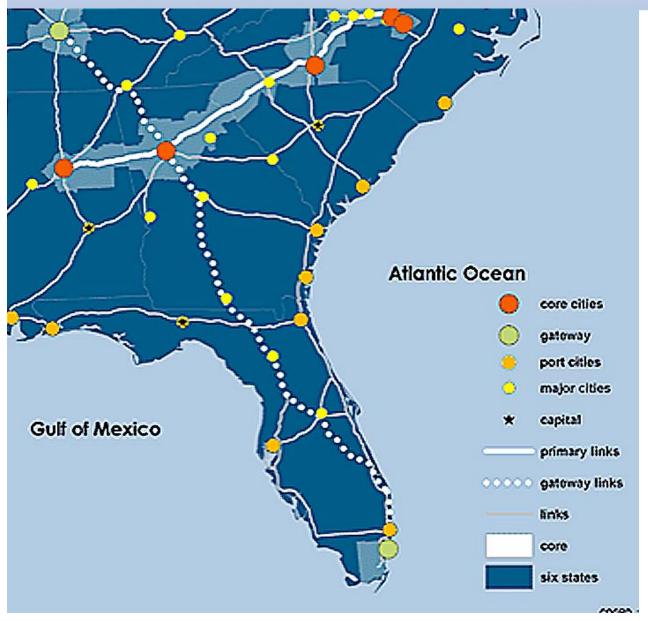
### **Total Transportation**







### Hub for Global MegaRegion



Regional transportation must provide:

- Adequate capacity
- Appropriate connections
- Variety of modes



## Support Local Leadership

- DEKALE POCKI
- Locally-driven
- Transit-focused
- Committed to consensus
- Unprecedented effort
- Asking for support for local initiative
- Allow us to tax ourselves through a regional or state proposal



#### Our Process to Date

1 Review of Previous Regional Studies

MARTA System Plan, RTIA, RTAP, RDP, Envision6 & Mobility 2030

2 TPB Project Assessment 63 transit projects Ridership Land use/density Congestion mitigation Cost & cost-benefit

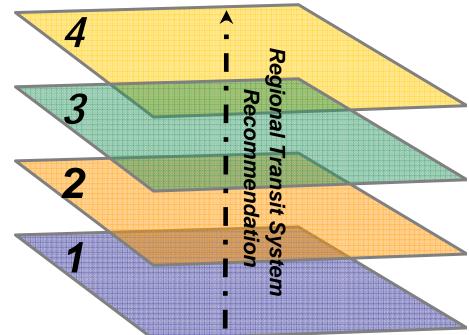
3 Stakeholder Interviews

18 interviews conducted

- Regional system

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- All areas need transit
- Transit appropriate for area



4 Regional Coordination

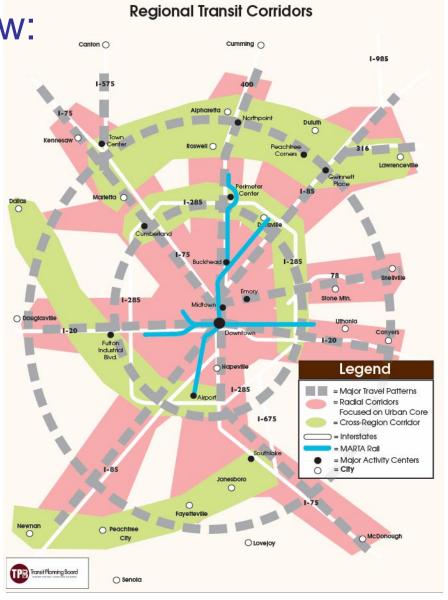
TPB staff collaboration (TPB, ARC, MARTA, GRTA & GDOT)
Technical Committee input
Counties, Operators, and
Stakeholders



#### Regional Transit Corridors

Studies & projects show:

- Shift from radial to "modified hub and spoke"
- Radial focus on the central core
- Increasing crossregional corridor service needs



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## Completing the Plan

5 System Characteristics

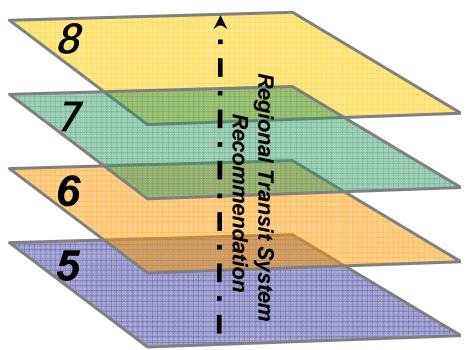
Activity Center focus
Regional mobility & congestion
mitigation
Cost effective & cost-benefit
requirements
Customer focus
Land use synergy

6 Framework System
Initial scenarios
Major corridors & needs
Critical regional links

**7** Board Priorities
August work session
September retreat

System Concepts

Refined scenarios
Funding
Governance
Public engagement

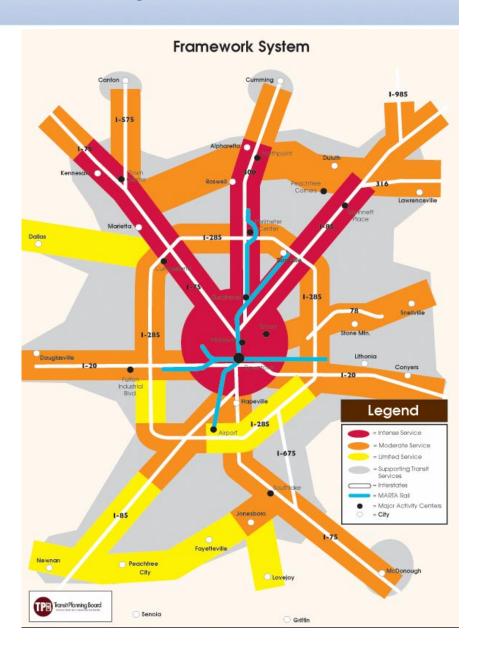




## Framework System

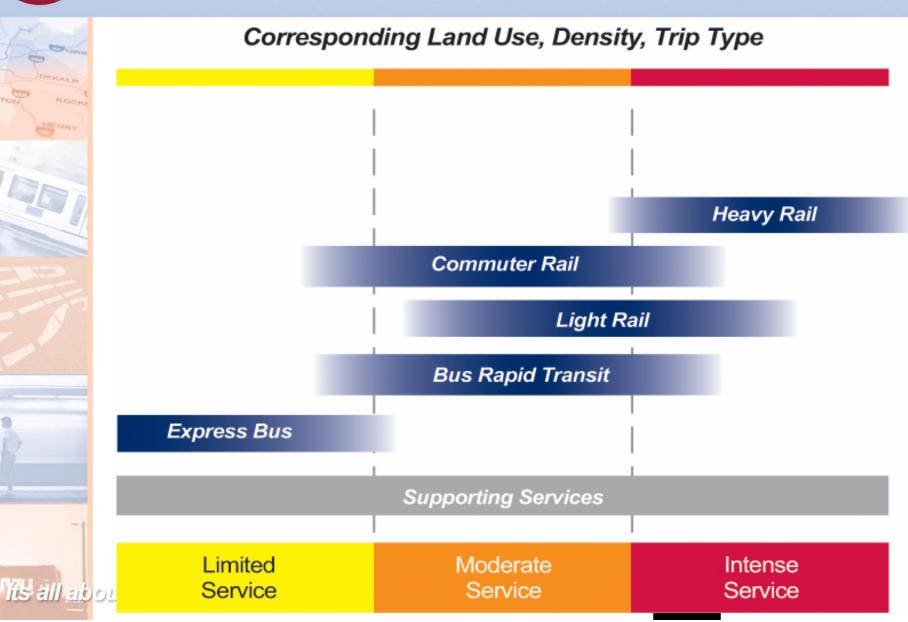
- DEKALE ROCKI
- Confirms regional corridors & centers
- Identifies service level intensity
- Identifies system connections
- Foundation for Regional Transit
   System Plan

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#### Transit Service Levels & Modes





### Funding & Governance

#### What we know

- Lack of regional cooperation is
  - a deterrent to funding
  - not cost efficient or effective
  - an impediment to a positive customer experience
- By 2030 more \$ needed for our current system
- The capital & operating costs of a robust regional system will require dedicated new funding

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### What You Can Expect



- Preliminary system
- Public & business dialog about transit priorities
- During the upcoming General Assembly
  - Consensus vision of long-term transit needs
  - Support for dedicated funding for roads and transit
  - A single voice from metro Atlanta to regional, state & federal officials





#### Recap



- Regional transit network is essential
- New transportation \$ are needed
- Transit requires both capital & operating funds
- TPB needs your support to address the region's problems
  - Stay in dialog
- Support total transportation funding



#### **Questions?**

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